

F-2-75

Thomas Hilleary Farmstead  
Petersville vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1840-50

The Thomas Hilleary Farmstead contains a brick dwelling house of the period 1840-1850, two log domestic outbuildings of approximately the same period, an early 20th century concrete block garage, and an agricultural outbuilding group with a bank barn, terra cotta silo, and a wagon shed/corn crib of about the last quarter of the 19th century. The log buildings and the agricultural outbuildings are in deteriorated condition. The house is currently being rehabilitated. Built probably in the late 1840's by Thomas Hilleary, the house is a fair example of a vernacular brick dwelling of the period.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Environment: Rural

Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas Hilleary Farmstead (Preferred)

and/or common Catoctin Farm

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 4101 Olive School Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Petersville

☒ vicinity of

congressional district 6th

state Maryland

county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard E. Curtis et al

street &amp; number 4005 Shallow Brook Lane

telephone no.:

city, town Olney

state and zip code Md. 20832-2805

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

liber 1538

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street

folio

city, town Frederick

state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-2-75

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 7

The Thomas Hilleary Farmstead is an agricultural grouping centered on a brick dwelling house built about 1845-50 with three domestic outbuildings, a log summer kitchen, a log chicken house, and a circa 1930 concrete block garage, and an agricultural group consisting of a frame bank barn, a terra cotta silo, and a frame wagon shed/corn crib of the last quarter of the 19th century. The agricultural group is located south of the domestic group on the access drive to the farmstead, which is on the east side of Olive School Road about 1/2 mile southeast of the intersection with Jefferson Pike (MD Rt. 180) near Petersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The domestic and agricultural groups are on separately owned parcels as shown on Tax Map 92, Parcels 289 and 14.

The dwelling house is in generally fair condition and appears to be in the process of rehabilitation. It is two stories in height with a 5-bay elevation facing west and a two-story rear ell extending from the northeast corner. The bond pattern is 5:1. A cross gable with german siding and a central round-arched window is an addition of the last quarter of the 19th century. Interior chimneys rise at the north and south gable ends and the cornice is corbeled brick. The roof is composition. The window openings have wood lintels and sills with plain surrounds and corner blocks. The sash is 6/6. The outlines of shutters are visible against the painted, weathered brick wall surface. A one-story porch shelters the center entrance, which has a transom and sidelights flanking a 6-panel door. The porch has chamfered square posts and simple brackets. The rear ell has a two-story open porch on the south elevation. A one-story shed frame addition is located on the north elevation of the ell. The interior was not accessible for this survey.

Domestic outbuildings:

Summer kitchen: The two-story log summer kitchen is in deteriorated condition and stands just northeast of the rear ell. It has an exterior stone and brick chimney and both tongue-and-groove and vertical siding. The roof is pressed metal. Although the interior was inaccessible because of the building's general condition, the stairway to the second level can be seen just inside the door in the southwest corner of the generally rectangular building. The first story appears to have one room and it is assumed that the second level is also one room.

Chicken house: The log chicken house is immediately southeast of the summer kitchen. The proximity of the two buildings and the main house suggests that the chicken house may have been moved to this location. It is rectangular in plan with a single space inside, composition siding, and a standing seam metal roof. It is in a deteriorated condition.

Garage: The rusticated concrete block garage appears to date from the 1920's. It has a pyramidal standing seam metal roof. It stands northwest of the house.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1840-50 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Thomas Hilleary Farmstead is a fair example of a vernacular brick dwelling of the 1840-1850 period. Its simple features are typical of the homes of the middle class of farmers, those who owned their farms, but did not have the acreage and income of the large plantation owners. Thomas Hilleary, the probable builder of the house, married in 1848, which possibly dates the house to the late 1840's. He named the place Catoctin Farm and retained ownership until about 1911. His son Russell P. Hilleary sold the farm in 1918.

The Hilleary Farmstead has many surviving contemporaries in the southern Middletown Valley in log, brick, and stone materials. The general condition of the Hilleary house makes it moderately significant. However, the interior was documented in this survey and its details and floor plan, if intact, could increase the integrity of the house in comparison with others of the period.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-75

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858.

Land Records of Frederick County

Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted  
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979. pp. 1115-1116.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 7 acresQuadrangle name Point of Rocks, Md. - Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting					Northing			

B 

Zone	Easting					Northing			

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 92, Parcel 289

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date November, 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Maryland 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
301-514-7600

7.1 Description

Agricultural outbuildings:

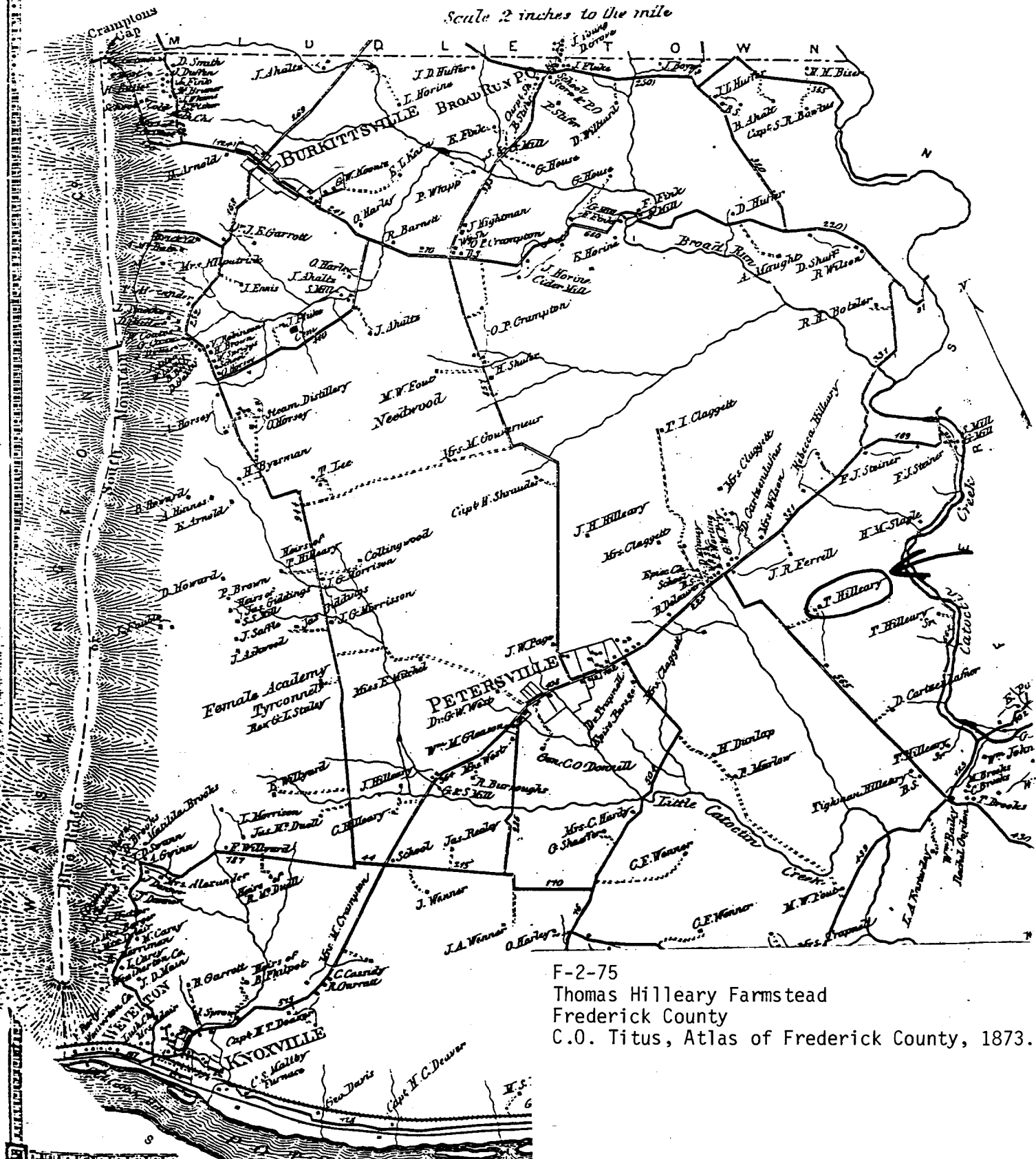
Bank barn: The bank barn is extremely deteriorated and was unsafe to enter. It has vertical siding and a standing seam roof. Located on the east side of the entrance drive, it stands about 60 yards south of the domestic group. The barn may date from about 1875.

Terra cotta silo: The terra cotta silo is located near the west side of the barn. Dating from the last quarter of the 19th century, it has a domed metal cap.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed has granary bins on each side. It has vertical siding and a standing seam metal roof. It probably dates from the last quarter of the 19th century. Its condition is also deteriorated.

# PETERSVILLE DIST No. 12

Scale 2 inches to the mile



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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.





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### SURFACE, SOIL, &c.

Districts Nos. 10 and 6, and the northwest parts of 2, 4, 5, 1, mountainous, producing little but timber, except in the rich tidal Harbours and Eyer Valleys, about Wolfville and Wolf and in a few other spots.

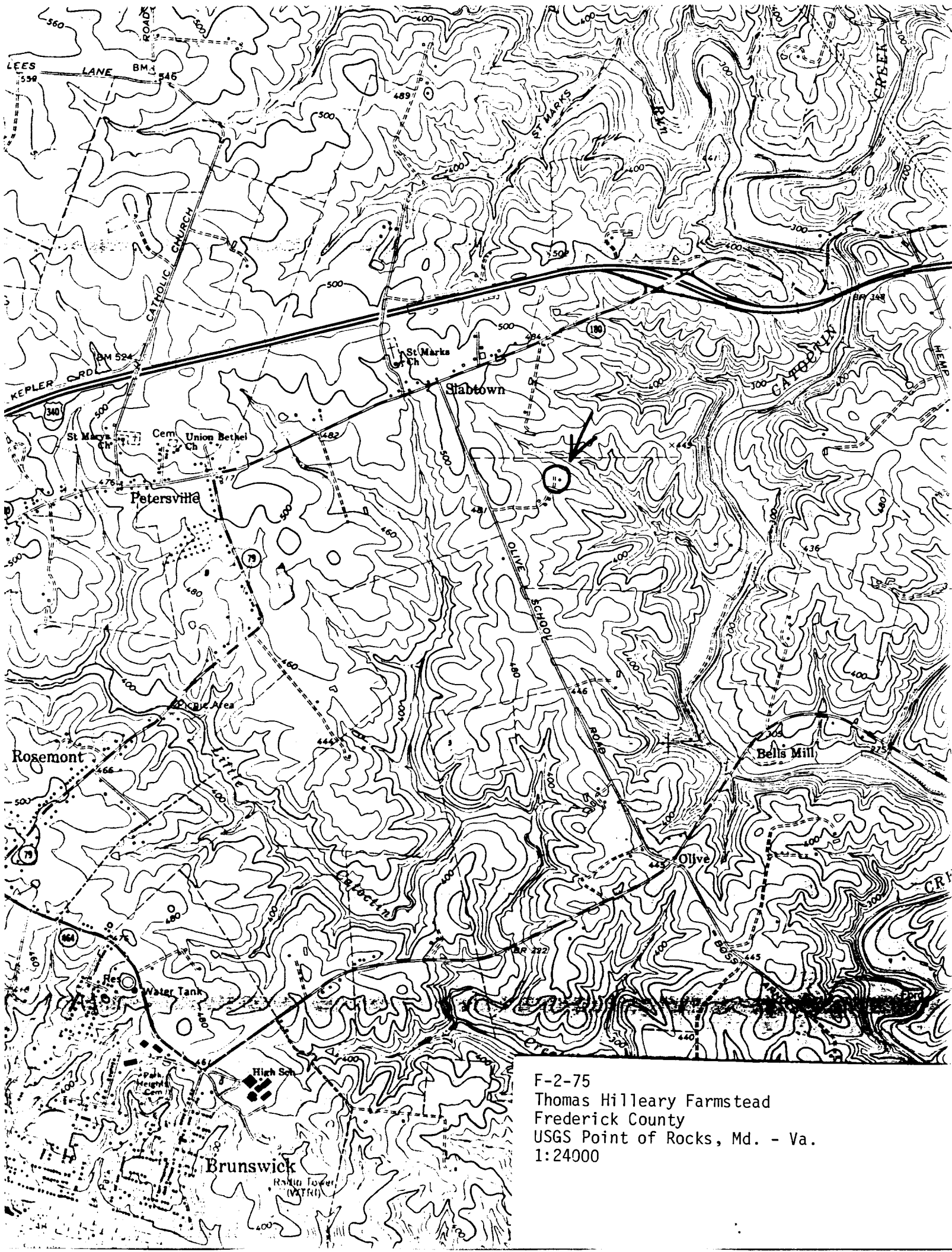
Nos. 16, 3, 12 and 14, form the hilly but productive and

#45	4101 Olive School Rd.	Thomas Hilleary Farmstead	M 92 P 289	Richard E. Curtis et al 4005 Shells Brook Lane Olney Md. 20832-2805	
LIBER/FL-10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1538/872 29 Dec 88	Richard E. Curtis et al	Richard E. Curtis, trustee of Richard E. Curtis Revocable Trust	7A. Parcel 2 w/ right of ingress & egress over existing driveway		
1372/215 18 Aug 86	Richard E. Curtis trustee	Richard E. Curtis			
827/571 21 Jul 70	Richard E. Curtis trustee	Vincent B. & Barbara G. Welch Edward P. & Joan M. Morgan	7 A.		
762/624 31 Mar 67	Vincent B. & Barbara G. Welch & Edward P. & Joan M. Morgan	Vincent B. Titus widower & Mary G. Titus, widow	167 A.		
324/264 27 Mar 18	Lee J. & Mary G. Titus Leon B. & Lucy E. Titus	Edith J. & Russell Hilleary	Home Farm of Thos Hilleary 79 A. P.1 163A. 71 A. P.2 Total 74 A. P.3		
294/417 14 Jan 11	Edith J. Hilleary wife of Russell P. Hilleary	Mary E. & Thomas Hilleary of Washington D.C.		\$9,079.81	
WIP 4/507 9 Sept 1887	Mary E. Hilleary	Mrs. P. Manley & Charles Mr. Ross, per trustee of Thos Hilleary, under Insolvency Laws of Md.	71, 79, 14 A.	\$3636.22	
WIP 4/505 8 Aug 1887	Mary E. Hilleary	Joseph F. White et al	71 A.	\$1850	
ES 4/149 21 May 1853	Thos Hilleary	Thos. J. Marlow & wife	14A. "Hankins Mary Pap O Day"	\$743.75	"Fieldera", "Fick sa Manor", "Resurvey on Hankins Mary Pap O Day"
ES 2/2434 ES 2/245	Thos Hilleary Sarah O'Key Hilleary wife of Thomas	Thos. J. Marlow	71A.	\$4108	
ES 5/313 19 Sept 1837	Thos J. Marlow	Robert E. Dorsey, trustee in equity case of Elizabeth J. Duwall dec.	173A.	\$10,799.85	

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LIBER/FL 10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
SS 13/545 26 June 1821	Dr. Grafton Duwall & Elizabeth M. Duwall, wife (2nd daughter of Thomas Hawkins)	Henry & Julia Clagett	Fielders Fielders Manor, Reservoir on Hawkins Merry Peep O' Day		
SS 12/457 27 Feb-1821	(Duwall & wife	received 705 $\frac{3}{4}$ A. as result)			Duwall & Clagett were adm. of estate
	Williams History	pp. 948-949 & 1115-1116			

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